

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

The specification has been amended to reflect the following changes:

Please replace the third full paragraph beginning on page 1, line 12 and continuing on to page 2, line 3, with the following paragraph:

For the low-profile laptop PC, a method for thinning a keyboard has been investigated. For example, Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application No. 11-213806 proposes a key moving mechanism, which is also referred to as a pantograph mechanism. Here, FIG. 6 is a schematic partial sectional view of a conventional key moving mechanism. A moving mechanism 510 shown in FIG. 6 includes a linkage that crosses like an X-shape. When a key 502a is pressed down, the moving mechanism 510 deforms around a rotary part 512 and slides through slide parts ~~512 and~~ 514. Then, a contact 504a in a rubber member 504 contacts switch parts 518 on a base 516, and transmits keying information to a substrate (not shown). FIG. 7 shows a schematic partial sectional view of another conventional keyboard structure disclosed in Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application No. 2001-597651. Here, FIG. 7 is a schematic partial sectional view of another conventional key moving mechanism. The moving mechanism 620 shown in FIG. 7 is a V-shaped linkage referred to as a gear linkage, in which when a key 602b is pressed down, a moving mechanism 620 rotatably attached to a rotary part 623 engages with a gear part 624 and slides through slide parts 622. Accordingly, a contact 604b in a rubber member 604 contacts a switch part 628 on a membrane 630 and transmits press information to a base (not shown).